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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) A lighting device comprising:
 - (A) An optical laminated body comprising
 - (i) a polarizing layer,
 - (ii) a first transparent film disposed closely to a front surface of the polarizing layer, and
 - (iii) a second transparent film disposed closely to a back surface of the polarizing layer, wherein the polarizing layer comprises a reflective polarizing film, and both of the first transparent film and the second transparent film are diffusive films,
 - (B) a light source supplying light to the optical laminated body through a light entry surface of the first transparent film of the optical laminated body, and
 - (C) a lens film disposed between the light source and the optical laminated body, the lighting device providing diffused-polarized light emitted from a light emitting surface of the second transparent film of the laminated body.
3. (previously presented) An area luminescence device comprising the lighting device of claim 2 and a transparent optical body illuminated by the lighting device from a back surface of the optical body.
4. (previously presented) The area luminescence device of claim 3, wherein the optical body comprises a LCD panel.

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5. (previously presented) The area luminescence device of claim 3, wherein there is no diffusive plate disposed between the lighting device and the optical body.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)